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PARIS FOR GORDON EVANS

E.O. 11652: N/A  
TAGS: SENV, UNEP  
SUBJ: MEETING OF CONSULTATIVE GROUP ON DESERTIFICATION  
CONTROL

1. MANY WEO'S APPEAR TO BE APPROACHING UPCOMING MEETING  
WITH CONSIDERABLE TREPIDATION (AT LEAST IN CAPITALS).  
THACHER RECENTLY EXPRESSED SOME CONCERN TO PERMREP THAT US  
MIGHT BE ONLY DONOR COUNTRY WITH REPRESENTATION FROM CAPITAL.  
SITUATION IS NOT QUITE THAT BLEAK, AS FRANCE AND UK BOTH  
SENDING MEMBERS OF GC VI DELEGATIONS EARLY TO PARTICIPATE  
IN DESCON. AS OF APRIL 20, HOWEVER, CANADA DEPUTY PERMREP  
STILL UNCERTAIN WHETHER ANYONE COMING FROM OTTAWA AND  
SWEDISH DEPUTY PERMREP AND JAPANESE FOCAL POINT HAD BEEN  
INSTRUCTED TO ATTEND AS "OBSERVER" ONLY, DESPITE  
RECOMMENDATION (AT LEAST IN LATTER CASE) TO CONTRARY.  
ALSO, AT TOLBA'S APRIL 20 MEETING WITH PERMREPS  
(REPORTED SEPTEL) UK FELT CONSTRAINED TO SEEK TOLBA'S

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ASSURANCE THAT ATTENDANCE WOULD NOT CONSTITUTE ANY SORT OF  
COMMITMENT TO FUTURE PARTICIPATION IN GROUPS.

2. SECRETARIAT APPEARS TO HAVE SCALED DOWN EXPECTATIONS  
TO SOME EXTENT, BUT STILL HOPING TO AT LEAST GET  
"EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST" IN INDIVIDUAL PROJECTS. PERMREP  
HAS CAUTIONED THACHER THAT EXCEPT IN MOST GENERAL TERMS

EVEN THAT MAY BE EXPECTING TOO MUCH, GIVEN ADVANCE PLANNING REQUIREMENTS OF MOST ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS, LEVEL OF ATTENDANCE WHICH MOST DONORS SEEM TO BE PLANNING, AND LATENESS OF DOCUMENTATION (SEE BELOW). AGREEMENT ON ORGANIZATION, OPERATING PROCEDURES, GOALS, AND FREQUENCY OF MEETINGS WOULD SEEM TO BE MORE REALISTIC TARGET AT THIS POINT.

3. PROJECT PROPOSAL ON TRANSNATIONAL GREENBELT FOR NORTH AFRICA, AND "FINAL UNEDITED PROJECT PROPOSALS" FOR TRANS-NATIONAL GREENBELT IN SAHEL AND TRANSNATIONAL MAJOR REGIONAL AQUIFERS IN NE AFRICA JUST RECEIVED. PERMREP POUCHING ONE SET TO OES/ENP/EN (BILL LONG) APRIL 21, BUT GIVEN EVANS TRAVEL PLANS AND SCHEDULE IN PARIS, WILL HOLD HIS SET HERE.

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